

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending herein, claims 15-20 having been withdrawn from further consideration. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to comply with the requirements of the October 16 Office Communication. The amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter.

Specifically, Applicants replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19 of the specification. The paragraph amended is the immediate prior version, i.e., the version as amended in Paper 10, filed on December 12, 2002. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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